

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-12 are amended and claim 13 is added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I. §103 Rejection of claims 1-12

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,937,066 to Gennaro ("Gennaro") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,927,869 to Simpson ("Simpson"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "**rendering a non-encrypted portion of the partially encrypted document; performing a proxy transformation** on the partially rendered, partially encrypted document using the proxy key; and **decrypting the proxy transformed, partially rendered, partially encrypted document using the session key**, wherein the proxy key and the session key may be used to decrypt the partially encrypted document **as part of the session rendering process only**, thereby assuring that **only rendered images of the decrypted document are available to an end user** (emphasis added)." Support for the above feature may be found throughout the original specification and drawings. For example, specific support may be found at least at page 3, line 9-20; page 3, line 27 through page 4, line 6; page 8, lines 11-16; page 8, line 23-33; page 10, lines 13-17; page 11, lines 26-28; and page 12, line 6-10; page 12, line 12 through page 13, line 22; and page 13, lines 23-31. None of the references cited during prosecution describes, teaches or suggests such a feature.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is distinguishable over the applied art. Independent claims 6 and 13 includes features similar to

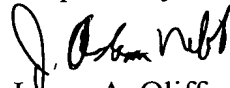
those addressed above with respect to claim 1 and are, therefore, distinguishable over the applied art for at least the same reasons. Claims 2-5 and 7-12 depend from independent claims 1 and 6, respectively, and are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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